



Special Education Advisory Committee Draft Meeting Minutes
LCPS Administrative Building, 21000 Education Court, Ashburn, Virginia 20148
SEAC Special Business Meeting 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 9, 2022

Business Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome and Call to Order, Sharon Tropf, SEAC Chair
 - a. Special SEAC Business meeting convened to specifically review LCPS Policies that need to be reviewed by SEAC prior to submission to the School Board and the next SEAC Business meeting on October 12, 2022.
2. Public Comment.
 - a. None.
3. Old Business.
 - a. None.
4. New Business.
Policy Review:
 - a. **Policy 8220, Student Disciplinary Consequences**
 - Regulation 8220.1 PROCEDURES FOR SHORT-TERM and LONG-TERM SUSPENSION
 - Regulation 8220.2 EXPULSION by SCHOOL BOARD
 - Regulation 8220.3 DISCIPLINING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee has reviewed the draft policy and determined that it does not reflect the needs of students with disabilities.

Policy and Compliance Subcommittee Review/Concerns:

The use of exclusionary discipline practices continues to be one of the most inequitable practices in LCPS. Peer reviewed research indicates that these practices are not very effective, make our schools less safe, and contribute to inequity and disproportionality in educational outcomes.

LCPS students with disabilities are 16 times more likely to be suspended than their non-disabled peers. Research documents the poor outcomes of using exclusionary discipline and suggests four areas that contribute to disproportionality: People, Processes, Policies, and Places. SEAC has reviewed previous LCPS discipline policies and has made recommendations to change the approach from exclusionary practices to a more equitable student-centered approach to reduce disparate impact.

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee Co-Chairs Shehnaz Khan and Craig Metz shared 8 specific recommendations to address the above concerns.

Vote:

Quorum: 14 out of 17 SEAC Members present – Quorum Established

Motion: Lorraine Hightower made a motion to vote on the proposed recommendations as a slate.

Rozeena Khattak, seconded the motion.

Vote Summary: Unanimous

b. Policy 8240, Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco and Electronic Cigarettes

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee has reviewed the draft policy and determined that it does not reflect the needs of students with disabilities.

Policy and Compliance Subcommittee Review/Concerns:

Concerned with the zero-tolerance approach documented in the proposed policy. Research shows zero-tolerance approaches are inequitable, less effective than best practices, and have unintended consequences that make our schools less safe. While this policy crosses over into student discipline, the approach taken in Policy 8240 should align with equitable practices, LCPS' Equity Plan, and with the goals of effectively reducing the impact of substance abuse on our school community and of reducing disparate impacts on disadvantaged student populations (including students with disabilities). Secondly, the draft policy does not consider the multiple medical needs of students with disabilities, and lastly, how instruction in any mandatory Substance Abuse class may need to be modified to meet their unique needs.

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee Co-Chairs Shehnaz Khan and Craig Metz shared 3 specific recommendations to address the above concerns.

Vote:

Quorum: 14 out of 17 SEAC Members present – Quorum Established

Motion: Lorraine Hightower made a motion to vote on the proposed recommendations 1, 2, and 3 as a slate. Elizabeth Crotty seconded the motion.

Vote Summary: Unanimous

c. Policy 8350, Student Activities

Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) recognize the benefits and the values students develop by participating in interscholastic, co-curricular and extra-curricular activities as an extension of the education program.

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee has reviewed the draft policy and determined that it does not reflect the needs of students with disabilities.

Policy and Compliance Subcommittee Review/Concerns:

The draft policy is not aligned with federal and state regulations. The policy is not proactive with identifying ADA and IDEA requirements to provide equitable access and meaningful inclusion of students with disabilities.

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee Co-Chairs Shehnaz Khan and Craig Metz shared 4 specific recommendations to address the above concerns.

Vote:

Quorum: 14 out of 17 SEAC Members present – Quorum Established

Motion: Lorraine Hightower made a motion to vote on the proposed recommendations 1, 2, 3, and 4 as a slate. Melissa Waugh seconded the motion.

Vote Summary: Unanimous

d. Policy 8540, Questionnaires and Surveys for Students

Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) and other stakeholders will periodically utilize surveys and questionnaires to gather information from students on specific topics. The purpose of this policy is to establish the parameters for the types of information that may be sought and methods of gathering information in surveys and questionnaires of students.

SEAC Policy and Compliance subcommittee has reviewed the draft policy and determined that it does reflect the needs of students with disabilities.

Vote:

Quorum: 14 out of 17 SEAC Members present – Quorum Established

No questions from membership.

Vote Summary: Unanimous

e. Policy 6210, Student Transportation

The Loudoun County School Board shall provide transportation to students and maximize school walk zones in accordance with the Code of Virginia, Rules and Regulations of the State Board of Education, and the guidelines established within this policy. All decisions regarding student transportation are vested with the school division but may be appealed to a committee of the School Board.

SEAC Policy and Compliance Subcommittee has reviewed the draft policy and determined that it does not reflect the needs of students with disabilities. The subcommittee presented 2 specific recommendations to address the needs of students with disabilities.

Quorum: 14 out of 17 SEAC Members present – Quorum Established

Motion: Melissa Waugh made a motion to vote on the proposed recommendations 1 and 2 as a slate. Shehnaz Khan seconded the motion.

Vote Summary: Unanimous

5. Adjourn

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